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SUBJECT: CHADIAN/LIBYAN NEGOTIATIONS

1. SEHBA II CONFERENCE (WHICH EVIDENTLY BECAME A MOVEABLE FEAST TRANSITTING TRIPOLI BEFORE ENDING UP IN BENGHAZI) CONCLUDED ON MARCH 27. FINAL COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR: (A) CEASE FIRE; (B) AN END TO MUTUALLY HOSTILE PROPAGANDA; AND (C) ANOTHER MEETING ON JUNE 7 IN TRIPOLI TO ASSESS PROGRESS ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND WORK OUT SPECIFIC PROGRAMS TOWARD THIS GOAL. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF FROLINAT DEMANDS FOR QUOTE RECONGITION UNQUOTE OR FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF QUOTE IMPERIALIST UNQUOTE PRESENCE. PERSONAL PRESENCE OF QADHAFI AT CONFERENCE IS CREDITED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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LOCAL PRESS WITH INFLUENCING BOTH SIDES TOWARDS REAPPROACHMENT.

2. A PAIR OF WORKING PAPERS FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WERE APPARENTLY PRESENTED TO THE CONFERENCE, ONE BY GOVERNMENT AND ONE BY FROLINAT. HOWEVER, LOCAL MEDIA MAKES NO MENTION

OF THE CONTENTS OF EITHER PAPER, OTHER THAN TO STATE THEY WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN OVERCOMING THE EARLY OBSTACLES OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THEY SET THE GRAND PRINCIPLES FOR THE DIRECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE IF
GOVERNMENT MADE ANY UNPUBLISHED CONCESSIONS
REGARDING ITS COMPOSITION, POLICIES, OR PRESENCE
OF FRENCH AND U.S. IN NDJAMENA, BUT I FIND IT
DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE LIBYA AND REBELS WOULD GIVE
THE GOVERNMENT TWO MORE MONTHS TO REGROUP
PEACEFULLY WITHOUT EXTRACTING SOME PRICE.BRADFORD

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